

French and Italians Drive Forward; British Thrust Back By German Blow

Lawrence County Slacker Is Fatally Wounded

HOME GUARDS AT
MOULTON, LED BY
DEPUTY SHERIFF,
LAND THEIR QUARRY

HALF HUNDRED DEAD IN BIG EXPLOSION

(International News Service)
Syracuse, N. Y. July 3.—Forty-five men are known to be dead today and at least 50 severely wounded as the result of a fire and explosion in the great T. N. T. plant of the Semet-Solway Co. at Split Rock last night. The explosion shook the entire city. Private property damage is estimated

at nearly \$1,000,000. The company was engaged in making T. N. T. explosives, the most deadly known to science, for the U. S. government. Last night the court revealed five dead as the result of the explosion, but at daybreak this morning 41 additional black, bruised and dismembered corpses were found amidst the ruins of the wrecked plant.

CAPTURED BY AMERICANS AT SEICHEPREY



These doughboys are wearing German hats and are displaying other souvenirs captured by the Americans when they routed the Germans at the battle of Seicheprey. Among the other trophies in the picture may be seen a gun, gas mask, wire cutter and canteen.

GROUND TAKEN FROM ENEMY FIRMLY HELD BY AMERICAN FORCES

COUNTER ATTACKS NEAR CHATEAU
THIERRY ARE REPELLED BY
SAMMIES

ITALIANS CAPTURE 700 PRISONERS

French Advance 2,800 Yards Over a Wide Front
Pershing Reports Gains.

(International News Service.)

London, July 3.—The Italians have advanced from 2,000 to 3,000 yards on an eight-mile front between the old and the new Piave river channels, capturing several hundred prisoners, it was learned by the International News Service this afternoon. The Italians advanced in the Val San Lorentzo district, capturing 530 prisoners and ten machine guns.

Following up the success of the Americans on the Marne front the French delivered a local blow between the Oise and Aisne rivers, penetrating the German lines to a depth of about 2,800 yards over a wide front of that battle line.

In the meantime heavy artillery activity continues, but so accustomed have the armies become to shelling that unless theannonades are of especial intensity they are not mentioned in the official reports any more.

The importance which the Germans attach to the ground west of Chateau Thierry which the Americans took on Monday night is attested by the quickness with which they organized a counter attack. The Americans met the German best troops and defeated them.

The Germans lunged forward against the British front in northern France last night and gained ground.

The Italians continue their formidable attacks against the Austrians and almost every assault results in an Italian gain.

(International News Service.)

Rome, July 3.—The capture of 696 prisoners, including 19 officers, 15 mortars and 57 machine guns by the Italians in the mountain zone west of the Piave river is announced by the Italian war office. The Italians have again extended their lines, capturing important ground from the Austrians.

(Note: The war office statement issued in Rome shows that the Italian counter offensive in the sector of the Asiago plateau is being pressed with good results.

(International News Service.)

London, July 3.—Strong German attacks were delivered last night and resulted in the capture of the greater part of the ground taken by the British on June 30, the war office reported today.

(International News Service.)

Washington, July 3.—American troops advanced 1,000 yards in a mile and half front in the Chateau Thierry region Monday afternoon, Gen. Pershing reported in his communique made public today. Enemy losses were heavy. Three American aviators are reported missing.

(International News Service.)

Paris, July 3.—Between the Oise and Aisne rivers, the French carried out a local operation north of Moulin-Souffouvent, penetrating the German positions to a depth of 800 metres over a front of three kilometers, the war office reported today.

(International News Service.)

Washington, July 3.—America's gross debt at the close of business April 30 was \$11,350,376,680.26.

CONTRACTOR SERIOUSLY INJURED WHEN DYNAMITE CHARGE GOES OFF

E. C. Wolfe, head of the contracting firm of Wolfe & Sons which is building the new pike road from the Twin Cities to Hartselle, was seriously wounded yesterday afternoon at the McCulloch quarries, about two miles out. One hand was blown off, being amputated at the wrist, and three fingers of the other hand torn away, by the explosion of a stick of dynamite.

The accident occurred about 5:30 o'clock and at the time Mr. Wolfe was removing the tamping from a dynamite charge which had failed to fire, when it exploded. The dynamite was being shot with an electric battery.

The injured man displayed great fortitude and climbed into a car and was driven to Benevolent Hospital, where his wounds were treated and an operation performed. He walked into the hospital unassisted and on up to the operating room. This morning he was smiling and cheerful and his physician stated he would recover. Mr. Wolfe resides on Eighth Avenue, West.

War Crosses For Gallant Marines

Washington July 3.—Distinguished service crosses have been awarded to 16 living members of the overseas forces and to forty seven who lost their lives in the Baileau wood engagement. Gen. Pershing reported today. Practically all the awards were to marines.

With the American Army in France

July 2—(night)—The gallantry of the U. S. marines in the severe fighting around Baileau wood and Houtches from June 6 to June 8 was recognized today by Gen. Pershing, who awarded distinguished crosses to 13 officers and men of the marines, including one killed in action. At the same time field artillerymen and infantrymen were also decorated.

German U-Boats Off Halifax Coast

(International News Service)

An Atlantic Port, July 3.—The appearance of German submarines off the coast of Halifax was indicated today when the captain of a British steamer reported last night that a vessel picked up a wire-

less radio that a vessel near that point was being attacked by a U-boat. The message said that the ship was sinking but that all efforts were being made to reach land. The name of the victim nor her exact position were not revealed.

ALMON ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION CIRCUIT SOLICITOR

D. C. Almon, circuit solicitor, today authorized the Daily to announce his candidacy for re-election to the office that he has held since 1902, a period of sixteen years. Mr. Almon will oppose John R. Sample, of Hartselle, a prominent attorney, who entered the race some days ago.

Solicitor Almon is one of the best known political figures of the state, and perhaps has as wide an acquaintance as any of the men who have been conspicuous in Alabama public life during the past quarter of a century. He was born in Lawrence county on Feb. 11, 1867, and was admitted to the practice of law at Moulton in 1887. Two years later, or in 1889, he was appointed solicitor of the Eighth judicial circuit by Governor Jelks. He was elected solicitor in 1904 and was re-elected without opposition in 1910 and again in 1914. Mr. Almon was a member of the legislature from Lawrence county in 1900 and a member of the constitutional convention of 1901 from the second senatorial district of Lawrence and Morgan counties. He was the first democrat elected to the legislature from Lawrence county since 1874.

In September, 1904, Solicitor Almon moved to Decatur and in 1914 he moved to Albany, and is now a resident of that city. Mr. Almon has a large family, consisting of a wife, five daughters and two sons. The latter are now in military service, Lieut. Curtis Almon being with the colors in France and Lieut. Clifton Almon at an army camp near Washington, D. C.

BOY SCOUTS ATTENTION

There will be a meeting of the Albany Boy Scouts troop No. 1 at the Y. M. C. A. at 7:45 p. m. by order of Scout Master T. A. Bowles. All scouts must be in full dress. Plans will be discussed for the annual encampment.

HENRY SPIELBERGER ACQUIRES BUSINESS ON SECOND AVENUE

PURCHASES STOCK OF LATE
SAMUEL SPIELBERGER, WHICH
IS SOLD AT AUCTION.

The personal property of the late Samuel Spielberger was sold yesterday afternoon at public auction. Several of the local merchants attended the sale and some spirited bidding was had for the valuable stock of merchandise.

Ben Spielberger of Birmingham, a brother of the deceased, offering the largest bid, bought the property for an amount in excess of the liabilities of the estate.

Henry A. Spielberger, another brother of the deceased, and who has been in charge of the business since the brother's death, subsequently acquired the entire stock from the purchaser at the auction and will conduct the business in the future. Mr. Spielberger has during his short time in business here taken a very active and leading part in all civic matters and the city is to be congratulated on having such a valuable acquisition to its business circle.

Rifle Records of U. S. Smashed

(International News Service)

Washington, July 3.—New records in the production of both rifles and ammunition were announced by the war department today. During the week ending June 29, plants manufacturing for the army turned out 15,794 Enfield and Springfield rifles, 27,000,000 rifle and revolver cartridges were turned out.

NO PAPER TOMORROW

In observance of its annual custom, the Daily will issue no paper tomorrow, July 4.

W. S. S. CAMPAIGN TO BE CONTINUED

COMMITTEE URGED NOT TO LET
UP UNTIL QUOTA SECURED.

The W. S. S. drive is to be continued until the county's quota is obtained. This is the urgent request of State Thrift Director, Crawford Johnson in the following telegram to J. W. Cunningham, county director:

Urges all county chairmen where quota not already secured to continue campaign during this week. Work especially on those who should take a one thousand dollar limit. Patriotic meetings on July Fourth afford great opportunity. Alabama must go her quota. Keep all committees at work and call on county chairmen of Council of Defense for their best effort to help us over. This Fourth of July cannot be more appropriately celebrated than by completing Alabama pledges to secure her share of this loan for the army and the navy.

Crawford Johnson, State Director.

SENATOR TILLMAN DIES AT CAPITAL

Washington, July 3.—Benjamin R. Tillman, senior senator from South Carolina and chairman of the naval affairs committee, died at his home here at 4:20 this morning, following a stroke of paralysis sustained last week. All the members of the senator's family were at his bedside when the end came.

His death is expected to hold up the senate work until after the funeral, arrangements for which had not been completed early today.

ATTENTION, HOME GUARDS!

The Albany Home Guards will report tomorrow morning, July 4 at 9 o'clock in full uniform, at the Albany city hall.

B. L. Malone, Major Commanding. By R. T. Sheppard, Adjutant.

ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETE FOR BIG CELEBRATION HERE ON THE FOURTH

Preparations were complete today for the big patriotic Fourth of July celebration to be staged in the Twin Cities tomorrow. Business will suspend throughout the county, and thousands of persons will come here to take part in paying homage to those of foreign descent who have shown their loyalty to the United States in its hour of crisis.

The opening feature of the celebration will be the automobile parade, which will move promptly at 10 o'clock. Albany cars will park on Second Avenue, facing north, while Decatur cars will park on Lee street, facing east. At the signal to "go" the cars will file into Perry street, with an Albany and Decatur car alternating. The cars will be bright with bunting and the flags of the allied nations. No advertising signs will be allowed.

After traversing the line of march as published in yesterday's Daily, the

parade will come to a halt at River-view Park, where Mayor Payne, chairman of the county council of defense, will take charge as master of ceremonies. In rapid succession will follow the address of Dr. H. M. Edmunds, the noted Birmingham divine, and the pageant to be presented under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Todd, assisted by Henry Spielberger, and in which hundreds of persons will take part. This pageant promises to be one of the most inspiring spectacles ever staged in this section.

Basket dinners will be carried along and at the noon hour these will be spread upon the grass. Adequate arrangements for drinking water have been made. The afternoon will be given over to various amusements.

Music will be furnished by the Booster Band, which has been augmented by a number of musicians from other points. Rahm's orchestra will also play at the park throughout the day.

JOHN HENRY WILLIAMS SHOT IN
HEAD, LUNGS AND HIPS AND
WILL DIE. NOW IN JAIL.

Brother Is Arrested

MAN WAS LOCATED IN WILD
SECTION AND REFUSED TO
SURRENDER WHEN CHALLENGED.

John Henry Williams, 28, a "slacker" was shot and fatally wounded yesterday shortly afternoon at Pool, Ala., near the Lawrence and Morgan county lines, by a posse of Home Guards from Moulton led by Deputy Sheriff Beaton Smith. The man was fired on by the posse at a distance of about 50 yards and was wounded in the head, lungs and hips.

John Williams, father, and Charley Williams, brother of the man who had resisted the draft laws, are also under arrest at Moulton charged with aiding and abetting in the violation of the selective service statutes.

For some time past the Moulton Home Guards and members of the sheriff's force at Moulton have been hot on the trail of slackers, who are reported to have gathered in numbers in the wild and unfrequented sections of Lawrence county. Yesterday morning they motored out to the Pool section in quest of three of the Williams boys, who had failed to fill out their questionnaires. In addition to Deputy Sheriff Smith, those in the party were: John White, mayor of Moulton and editor of the Moulton Advertiser; Will Free, Lucian Sandlin, John Bates, Lynch McKelvey and Byron Stevenson.

At the unpretentious Williams home the party was given a warm reception by Mrs. John Williams, mother of the man who was shot, who greeted the officers with a double barreled shot gun. She was disarmed, and the hunt proceeded vigorously. Three members of the posse were armed with shot guns loaded with buckshot and the others with revolvers. They soon located John Henry Williams, and ordered him to surrender. The slacker drew a revolver, a long 7 1-2 inch barreled 38 Smith & Wesson, which hung in its holster. He then ran, and refused to obey commands to "halt", it was stated. When at a distance of 50 yards, the posse fired, with the intention of stopping the fleeing fugitive with a charge of buckshot in the legs. One member of the posse aimed too high, and Williams fell mortally wounded. He had been shot in three places, the nature of the wounds indicating that he had been struck by the buck shot. The man was then placed in a car and driven to Moulton and lodged in jail. His father and younger brother, who is about 18, were carried along as prisoners. Two brothers wanted as "slackers" escaped.

Wheat Price is Not Yet Settled

Washington, July 3.—Another disagreement over the wheat pricing clause of the agricultural bill was reported to the senate this afternoon by Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, chairman of the committee. The conferees finally decided to report another disagreement on the bill.

Another Good Loan Made Bonny France

Washington July 3.—The treasury this afternoon extended to the French government an additional credit of \$100,000,000, bringing the total to \$1,765,000,000.

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A WONDERFUL RECORD AND A POINTED ANSWER.

The official statement by President Wilson that more than 1,000,000 American soldiers have been transported safely overseas, and that without the loss of a single man who made the voyage in a vessel conveyed by the American navy is the most striking testimonial to the "efficiency" of the war department that has yet been made public. It is also a most pointed reply to the German boast that the hands of the United States were to be tied by the ruthless use of submarines.

When the long heralded and much-advertised Hun drive in the west was begun in March, there were about 300,000 Sammies in France. Three months later this number had been increased to 1,000,000, a world's record for the long-distance transportation of men and supplies. Those of weakened spine who once used the word "efficiency" as something purely of Teutonic application, may now parade their superlatives and praise the young republic that has shown that same capacity for war that it has for peace. Striking proof has been given that the reason America was not a military nation was because its people were too humane and too enlightened to turn their energies to destructive channels until necessity demanded.

A few months ago the pro-German members of Congress were bitterly criticizing Secretary Baker and the war department for their apparent failure to rise to the occasion. This criticism was founded on ignorance of conditions, due to the sagacity of the Secretary of War in keeping the military secrets of the nation inviolate. How small do these carping critics now seem in the light of achievements as finally revealed.

THE W. S. S. DRIVE MUST GO ON.

The W. S. S. drive, like the circus, "must go on." Not until the quota assigned to Morgan county is raised can there be any let-up in the activities of the local committee. In all previous campaigns the county has responded nobly to the call of the government, and should make an extra good showing in this, for the reason that the purchase of thrift stamps requires very little patriotism—only the exercise of good, sound business judgment.

The man or woman who deposits some good American money with the government and in return receives a 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly could scarcely do less to help win the war. Those who fail to realize this and to buy savings stamps to the full limit of their financial ability are not so vastly superior to the "slacker" who withholds his service and secretes himself in some wild, wooded section and awaits the coming of the posse.

Saws for Cutting Metal.

Not so very long ago the discovery was made in Germany that metals could be sawed easier and quicker with rapidly revolving smooth disks of steel, than with toothed circular saws. It was found that the cutting was done by the heat generated by the friction of the edge of the disk against the metal. The metal is melted at the point of contact, while the steel of the disk, being cooled by the air, does not reach the melting point. The disks need no sharpening and do not wear out so quickly as the toothed saws heretofore used for cutting metal. The faster the disk revolves, the greater the amount of heat generated, and the quicker the job.—Popular Science Monthly.

Children and Fairies.

To the children fairies stand for all the wonderful and unpredictable possibilities of life, for all the magic of it, its charm of unexpectedness, says the Atlantic Monthly. A child is a bit puzzled by the inevitable; in the fairy world it does not exist. In that world he slips away from the world of grown-ups, with its endless consequences remorselessly haunting the gay, irresponsible little child. He loves the grownups and it is not from them that he wishes to escape, but from their world, their difficult, unyielding world.

AIMED TO MAKE POLAND DESERT

German System Reckoned on Starvation of People to Promote Imperial Ends.

VON KRIES REVEALED PLOT

Country, After Population Had Been Systematically Done to Death, Was to Be Restocked by Settlers From Germany.

The extent of human misery in Poland caused by the German occupation was as great as that in Belgium and France. The entire heartlessness which characterized the Kaiser's high officers is well shown in a statement by Mr. Vernon Kellogg, prepared for a pamphlet issued by the committee on public information, which we copy.

The systematic exploitation of human misery by the German authorities in Poland followed the general plan laid down by the Kaiser's orders. In order to prove the identity of procedure it will be enough to present the detailed report prepared specially for a pamphlet issued by the committee on public information and written by Mr. Frederic C. Walcott. A fuller and in some ways more touching treatment is given in his article, "Poland," in the National Geographic Magazine for May, 1917.

"Poland—Russian Poland—is perishing. And the German High Command, imbued with the Prussian system, is coolly reckoning on the necessities of a starving people to promote its imperial ends.

"West Poland, which has been Prussian territory more than a hundred years, is a disappointment to Germany; its people obstinately remain Poles. This time they propose swifter measures. In two or three years, by grace of starvation and frightfulness, they calculate East Poland will be thoroughly made over into a German province.

"In the great Hindenburg drive one year ago, the country was completely devastated by the retreating Russian army and the oncoming Germans. A million people were driven from their homes. Half of them perished by the roadside. For miles and miles, when you saw the country, the way was littered with mudsoaked garments and bones picked clean by the crows—though the larger bones had been gathered by the thrifty Germans to be ground into fertilizer. Wicker baskets—the little basket in which the baby swings from the rafters in every peasant home—were scattered along the way, hundreds and hundreds, until one could not count them, each one telling a death.

"Deliberate Policy of Starvation. "Warsaw, which had not been destroyed—once a proud city of a million people—was utterly stricken. Poor folks by thousands lined the streets, leaning against the buildings, shivering in snow and rain, too weak to lift a hand, dying of cold and hunger. Though the rich gave all they had, and the poor shared their last crust, they were starving there in the streets in droves.

"In the stricken city, the German governor of Warsaw issued a proclamation. All able-bodied Poles were bidden to go to Germany to work. If any refused, let no other Pole give him to eat, not so much as a mouthful, under penalty of German military law.

"It was more than the mind could grasp. To the husband and father of broken families, the high command gave this decree: Leave your families to starve; if you stay, we shall see that you do starve—this to a high-spirited, sensitive, highly organized people, this from the authorities of a nation professing civilization and religion to millions of fellow Christians captive and starving.

"General von Kries, the governor, was kind enough to explain. Candidly, they preferred not quite so much starvation; it might get on the nerves of the German soldiers. But, starvation being present, it must work for German purpose. Taking advantage of this wretchedness, the working men of Poland were to be removed; the country was to be restocked with Germans. It was country Germany needed—rich alluvial soil—better suited to German expansion than distant possessions. If Poland that was had to perish, so much the better for Germany.

"To Make Poland German Province. "Remove the men, let the young and weak die, graft German stock on the women. See how simple it is: with a crafty smile, General von Kries concluded this and by we must give back freedom to Poland. Very good; it will reappear as a German province.

"Slowly, I came to realize that this monstrous, incredible thing was the Prussian system, deliberately chosen by the circle around the all-highest, and kneaded into the German people until it became part of their mind.

"German people are material for building the state—of no other account. Other people are for Germany's will to work upon. Humanity, liberty, equality, the rights of others—all foolish talk. Democracy, an idle dream. The true Prussian lives only for this, that the German state may be mighty and great.

"All the woes in the long count against Germany are part of the Prussian system. The invasion of Belgium, the deportations, the starving of sub-

ject people, the Armenian massacres, atrocities, frightfulness, sinking the Lusitania, the submarine horrors, the enslavement of women—all piece into the monstrous view. The rights of nations, the rights of men, the lives and liberties of all people are subordinate to the German aim of dominion over all the world.

"FREDERIC C. WALCOTT."
Mr. Vernon Kellogg's statement is as follows:

Saw Only Massacre and Ruin.

"It was my privilege—and necessity—in connection with the work of the commission for relief in Belgium to spend several months at the great headquarters of the German armies in the west, and later to spend more months at Brussels as the commission's director for Belgium and occupied France. It was an enforced opportunity to see something of German practice in the treatment of a conquered people, part of whom (the French and the inhabitants of the Belgian provinces of East and West Flanders) were under the direct control of the German general staff and the several German armies of the west, and part, the inhabitants of the seven other Belgian provinces, under the quasi-civil government of Governor General von Bissing. I did not enter the occupied territories until June, 1915, and so, of course, saw none of the actual invasion and overrunning of the land. I saw only the graves of the massacred and the ruins of their towns. But I saw through the long, hard months much too much for my peace of mind of how the Germans treated the unfortunate under their control after the occupation.

Destruction Complete.

"As chief representative for the commission, it was my duty to cover this whole territory repeatedly in long motor journeys in company with the German officer assigned for my protection—and for the protection of the German army against any too much seeing. As I had opportunity also to cover most of Belgium in repeated trips from Brussels into the various provinces, I necessarily had opportunity to compare the destruction wrought in the two regions.

"I could understand why certain towns and villages along the Meuse and along the lines of the French and English retreat were badly shot to pieces. There had been fighting in these towns and the artillery of first one side and then the other had worked their havoc among the houses of the inhabitants. But there were many towns in which there had been no fighting and yet all too many of these towns also were in ruins. It was not ruin by shells, but ruin by fire and explosions. These were the famous 'punished' towns. Either a citizen or perhaps two or three citizens had fired from a window on the invaders—or were alleged to have. Thereupon a block, or two or three blocks, or half the town was methodically and effectively burned or blown to pieces. There are many of these 'punished' towns in occupied France. And between these towns and along the roadways are innumerable isolated single farmhouses that are also in ruins. It is not claimed that there was any sniping from these farmhouses. They were just destroyed along the way—and by the way, one may say. When the roll of destroyed villages and destroyed farmhouses in occupied France is made known, the world will be shocked again by this evidence of German thoroughness.

"Found Neutrality Impossible. "But the horrible methods of that deportation were such that we, although trying to hold steadfast to a rigorous neutrality, could not but protest. Mr. Gerard, our ambassador to Berlin, happened at the very time of this protest, to make a visit to the great headquarters in the west and the matter was brought to the attention of certain high officers at headquarters on the very day of Mr. Gerard's visit and in his hearing. So that he added his own protest to that of Mr. Poland, our director at the time, and further deportations were stopped. But a terrible mischief had already been done. Husbands and fathers had been taken from their families without a word of good-by; sons and daughters on whom perhaps aged parents relied for support were taken without pity or apparent thought of the terrible consequences. The great deportations of Belgium have shocked the world. But these lesser deportations—that is, lesser in extent, but not less brutal in their carrying out—are hardly known. Germany Must Be Civilized.

"I went into Belgium and occupied France a neutral and I maintained while there a steadfastly neutral behavior. But I came out no neutral. I cannot conceive that any American enjoying an experience similar to mine could have come out a neutral. He would come out, as I came, with the ineradicable conviction that a people or a government which can do what the Germans did and are doing in Belgium and France today must not be allowed, if there is power on earth to prevent it, to do this a moment longer than can be helped. And they must not be allowed ever to do it again.

"I went into a more ardent hater of war, and I came out a more ardent hater of war. But, also, I came out with the ineradicable conviction, again, that the only way in which Germany under its present rule and in its present state of mind can be kept from doing what it has done is by force of arms. It cannot be prevented by appeal, concession or treaties. Hence, ardently as I hope that all war may cease, I hope that this war may not cease until Germany realizes that the civilized world simply will not allow such horrors as those for which Germany is responsible in Belgium and France to be any longer possible.

"VERNON KELLOGG."

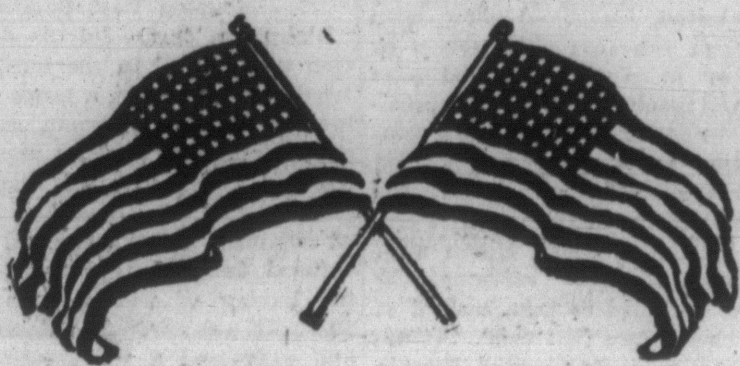
The patriotic parade on the Glorious Fourth will need your automobile. The committee may not be able to see you. Keep it in mind and be there with your car. Help to beat the Kaiser.

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Furnish Your Car for the Fourth of July Parade

**It will form at the intersection of Second
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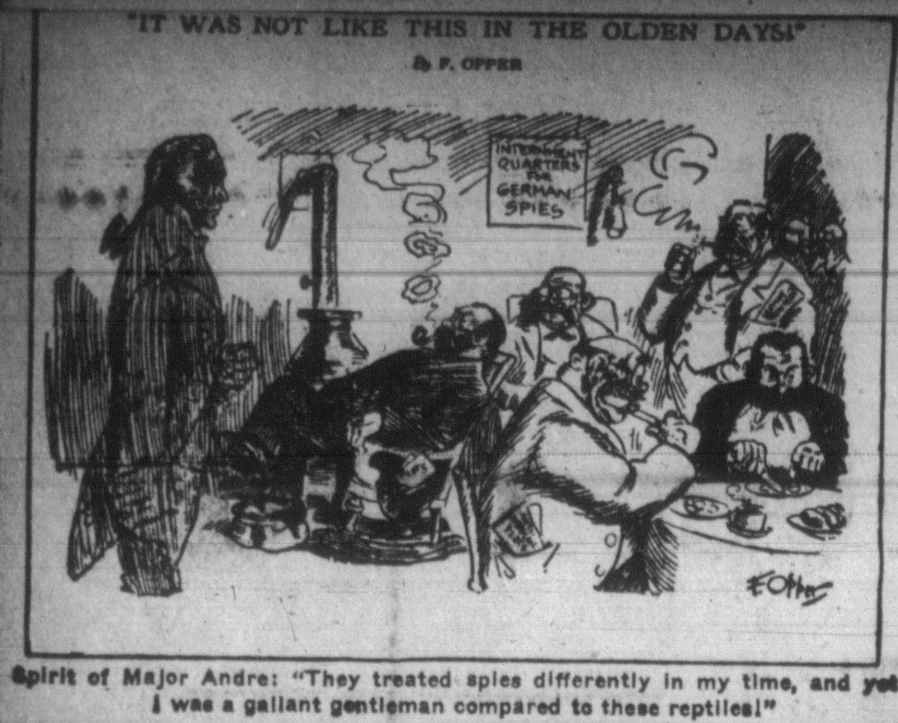
Thursday Morning at 10 O'clock

**Albany cars are requested to park on Second Avenue,
facing North. Decatur cars are requested to park on
Lee Street, facing East. Your co-operation will be
appreciated by the Council of Defense.**

**It is urgently requested that all cars joining the pa-
rade stay in line until the end. No advertising signs
will be allowed on cars.**

**Flags, Bunting, Streamers, etc., may
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**We close at 10 a. m. on Thursday
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THURSDAY, JULY 4th

The Broadway Favorite—Gail Kane—in

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2-Reel L-Ko Comedy.

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Charles Ray

One of the Greatest Favorites on the Screen, in

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FROM THE WELL KNOWN BOOK

Chas. Ray is Without a Peer on the Screen Today

Admission 10, and 20c

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The Swiftest Comedy Ever Screened. America's Greatest Stage Comedienne

MADGE KENNEDY in

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From the International Stage Success, by Margaret Mayo.

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PATRIOTIC PAGEANT AT NAIL FACTORY GROVE

The Patriotic Pageant to be presented on the Glorious Fourth promises to be a very unusual event. The musical feature will be directed by the talented Miss Clarkson, whose voice after a long rest is more wonderful than ever. Preceding the pageant a splendid musical program will be given by the community singers as follows:

Battle Cry of Freedom—Mr. Gooch and chorus.
LaFayette, I am Calling You—Mrs. W. McNeill and Quartette.
"Over There"—B. B. Pickens and Chorus.
There's a Long Trail a Winding—Mrs. A. A. Hardage.
"Keep the Home Fires Burning"—Herman Troup and Chorus.
"Take Care of Mother"—Miss Mary Penick.

Can the Kaiser—Chorus.
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Weatherly entertained charmingly Tuesday evening with a birthday party in honor of Mr. Lonnie Shipoch and Miss Ora Dell Wilder. Games were enjoyed until a late hour when ice cream and cake were served, and all returned home having spent a very pleasant evening.

Mrs. R. Y. Bracken is the guest of relatives and friends at Sipe Springs, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Edmundson will arrive here tomorrow from New York and reports the metropolis wonderfully enthusiastic over war work. Society women and working girls labor side by side in relief organizations, wheatless and meatless days being rigidly observed, so much so in fact that menu cards in the Broadway restaurants are hardly one-third as large as formerly. New York now boasts of women messengers in telephone offices, women conductors on trolley cars, women elevator runners. So many firemen have been called to the colors that citizens are forming a reserve fire department. At Atlantic City all cabaret shows have been closed as a war measure.

According to Mr. Rolker silk is advancing in price weekly and orders are behind from three to five months. Silk mills in the north are running only 30 to 40 per cent of normal. He is succeeding in securing enough raw silk to supply the Albany mill for six months.

Mrs. F. F. Tidwell visited Albany friends Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Edmundson will return from Staten Island N. Y. Thursday.

Miss Fannie Johnson left Tuesday for Asheville, N. C. to study Expression with "The Curries" this summer.

Mrs. Eugene R. Guy is at Columbia S. C. where she will remain till Guy goes out for overseas duty.

Mrs. W. F. Boswell and Billie, Jr., have returned from Trinity.

Miss Elizabeth Speake has accepted a responsible position at Sheffield.

Mrs. W. R. Hall visited Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Gunter en route from Gadsden to Sheffield.

Miss Annie Alexander has returned from a visit to relatives at Tusculum and Leighton.

Miss Eleanore Smith of Birmingham is the guest of Miss Ruth Aldridge.

Quannie Dowdy of Florence visited Decatur friends Sunday.

"WANT ADS"

FOR SALE—Two fine brood sows.
L. B. Wyatt & Son. 3-3t.

GET NEW KIDNEYS

The kidneys are the most over-worked organs of the human body, and when they fail in their work of filtering out and throwing off the poisons developed in the system, things begin to happen.

One of the first warnings is pain or stiffness in the lower part of the back; highly colored urine; loss of appetite; indigestion; irritation, or even stone in the bladder. These symptoms indicate a condition that may lead to that dreaded and fatal malady, Bright's disease, for which there is said to be no cure.

You can almost certainly find immediate relief in GOLD MEDAL Harlem Oil Capsules. For more than 200 years this famous preparation has been an unfailing remedy for all kidney, bladder and urinary troubles. Get it at any drug store, and if it does not give you almost immediate relief, your money will be refunded. Be sure you get the GOLD MEDAL brand. None other genuine. In boxes, three sizes. Adv.

PERSONALS

Dr. W. H. Watson continues unimproved.

John Grason of Camp Pike is visiting his sister, Mrs. Will Evans at Trinity.

W. A. Curry is at Birmingham today.

Pete Ballas will leave tonight to join Mrs. Ballas and visit over the Fourth.

Dr. E. G. Rutherford, of the Associated Doctors, Birmingham, is at The Tavern today.

H. W. Dillehay will return to camp Jackson tomorrow, after a short visit to relatives and friends here.

Geo. D. Williamson returned this morning from a week's stay at Red Boiling Springs.

Dan Cason of Calera is a guest of Frank LeFils.

Rolker Returns From New York

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Prichard Breeding Now In Hospital

Miss Annie Mae Breeding has received a letter from her cousin, Prichard Breeding, which brought joy to all his friends in Albany and Decatur as it stated that he had made his first trip to France and returned safely.

It was feared the young sailor had been lost at sea, and the receipt of this letter relieves the anxiety of his friends:

June 26, 1918.

Dear Cousin:
I know you will be surprised to get a letter from me.

I have been intending to write to you for about four months but as usual I just neglected doing it.

I guess you have heard about my going across. We carried about six thousand troops over and lots of cargo.

We didn't have any trouble at all, and I felt perfectly safe at all times. I stood the trip just fine until we got in two days of home, when something got wrong with one of my lungs, and I am now in the hospital, but feel as well as I ever did in my life.

I have the best of attention and doctors too, so don't anybody be uneasy about me. How is everything in Albany now? What are you doing for past time? I would be glad to get a long letter from you.

Give my love to all and tell them I am expecting to see old Albany again some day.

Your Cousin,
Prichard,
U. S. Naval Hospital
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Green and Mistrustful.
Thomas W. Lawson said in a Boston lecture:

"The green speculator is apt to be more suspicious and mistrustful than the seasoned one. Green speculators by their actions often remind me of the farmer who went to the Boston & Maine station, put down a \$20 bill, and said to the ticket agent:
"Round trip to Washington, young feller."
"Here you are," said the agent "Change at New York."
"No, ye don't, young feller!" snarled the farmer, "I'll take my change right here."

Recess of Congress May Begin Friday

(International News Service)
Washington, July 3—Despite demands that the legislation authorizing the president to take over the telephone and telegraph systems be expedited, and strong opposition in both the senate and house against any cessation of work by congress at this time, Majority leader Kitchin announced that a recess will be taken Friday night until August 12. Kitchin claims the vote to put the recess through.

Washington, July 3—A show down on whether congress shall recess or shall stay in Washington and pass the Aswell resolution giving the president power to seize all American communication systems, was scheduled for late this afternoon. Facing the threat of a strike of telegraphers employed by the Western Union at 7 o'clock next Monday morning, the president designed to take control of the systems before that time. At the same time majority leader Kitchin planned to put in a recess resolution tonight.

The New Calomel Is Harmless & Delightful

All Sickening and Dangerous Qualities
Removed—Medicinal Virtues Vastly
Improved. New Variety Called "Calotabs."

Science has given us smokeless powder, colorless iodine and tasteless quinine—now comes nausealess calomel, a new variety known as Calotabs, that is wholly delightful in effect, yet more effective than the old style calomel as a system purifier and liver-cleanser.

Your doctor prefers calomel above all other medicines, as it is the best and only sure remedy for biliousness, indigestion and constipation. Now that calomel is delightful to take, everybody is asking for the new variety, Calotabs. One tablet at bedtime, a swallow of water—that's all. No nausea, no griping, no danger. Next morning you wake up feeling fine, your liver cleansed, your system purified. Eat what you please—no restriction of habit or diet.

Calotabs are sold only in original, sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Your druggist recommends and guarantees Calotabs. (Adv.)

The patriotic parade on the Glorious Fourth will need your automobile. The committee may not be able to see you. Keep it in mind and be there with your car. Help to beat the Kaiser.

GREEN OR JACKSON LIKELY TO BE NAMED BANK SUPERINTENDENT

D. F. Greer, vice president of the Tennessee Valley Bank and senatorial representative from this district in the last legislature, is being prominently mentioned in connection with the appointment of a state superintendent of banking by Governor Henderson to succeed Alex Walker, of Athens, who resigned to become the head of the branch federal reserve bank to be located at Birmingham. Other names mentioned in connection with the honor are those of A. E. Jackson, president of the First National Bank of Hartselle and A. H. Dabbs, of Carrollton. Indications are that one of the Morgan county men will land the plum.

ALLEGED SLACKER ROUNDED UP

Palestine Crowd Convinced Countryman He Should Buy Stamps.

Houston Post Special.
Palestine, Texas, July 3—A commotion was caused in the business district Saturday when a large crowd of men with a countryman dressed in a yellow suit and with a rope around his waist. He was led through the business section, followed by hundreds of citizens. It was claimed that he refused to pledge the president in the buying of war savings stamps. The man was carried to Sheriff Quinn and expressed a willingness to buy

war savings stamps and was released.

CARD OF THANKS

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends for the kindness and sympathy extended in the recent illness and death of our dear mother, the many floral offerings, the many words of love and comfort spoken.

Mrs. E. C. Moore,
Chas. Sugars,
Josephine Sugars,
Mrs. Edward Houser.

Call and let us show you our line of calling cards, invitations, etc.

"The great results which we seek can only be obtained by the participation of Every Member of the Nation, young and old, in a national concerted thrift movement."

—Woodrow Wilson.

To stimulate Thrift and Savings we have just originated and are now offering THRIFT SAVINGS STOCK which may be purchased by making small weekly or monthly deposits, on which we pay 8 per cent interest—compounded semi-annually.

We also offer other forms of investment stock:—

- (1) Prepaid Stock, in multiples of \$50, which pays 8 per cent interest—payable semi-annually June 30th and December 31st.
- (2) Monthly Income Stock, in amounts of \$1,000 or more which pays 8 per cent interest—payable monthly.

All stock is secured by first mortgage loans on real estate, conservatively appraised. From the standpoints of both safety and earning power, we know of nothing better. Liberal provision is made for withdrawal at any time.

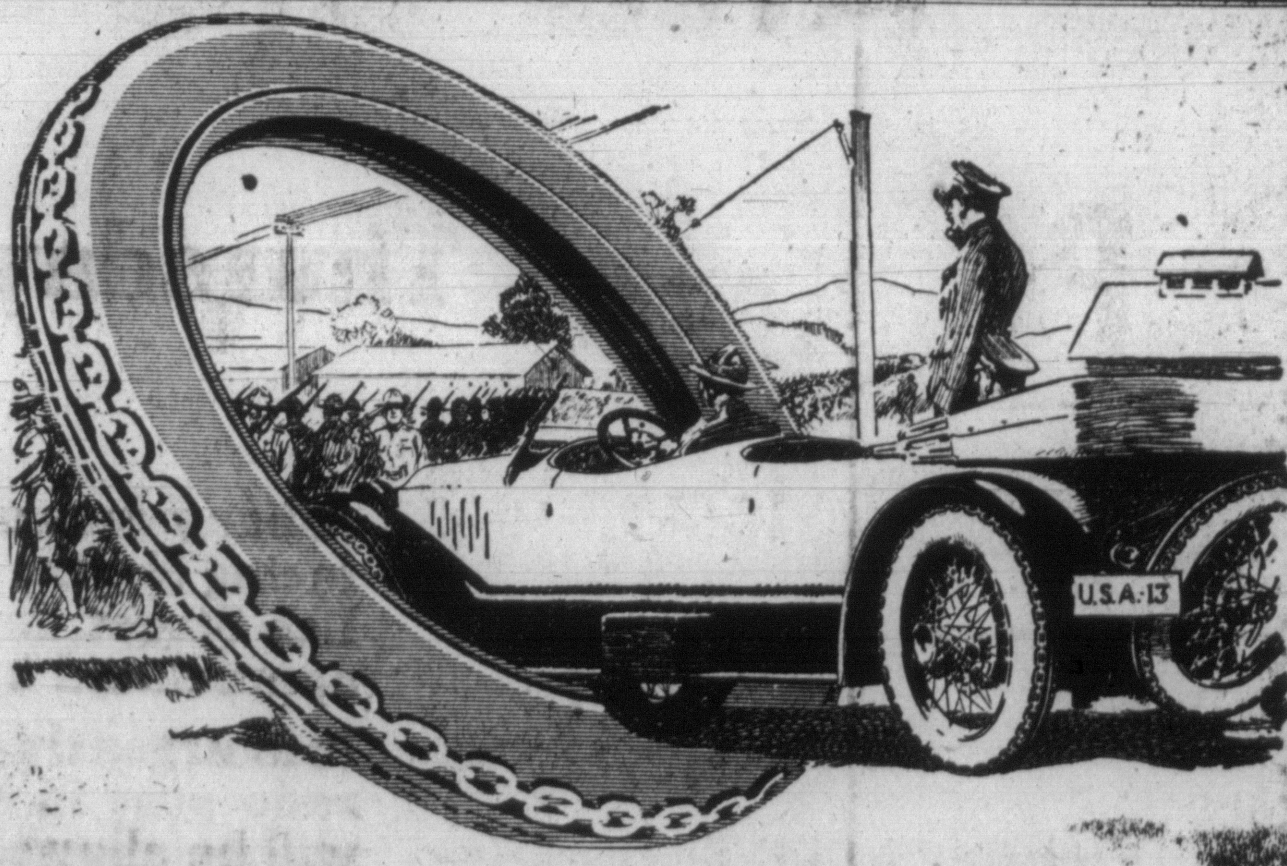
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We are now in the market for EAR and SHELLED CORN and will pay highest market price. Also advise you to order your Coal now

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Back the Government to the Limit

The Government has asked American business to pursue a certain course for the duration of the war.

Keep quality up and prices reasonable,
—a strictly non-profiteering policy.

It is the only patriotic policy.
It is the policy this company has always adopted and the one we will continue to pursue.

We stand ready to undergo any

sacrifice in order to cooperate with the Government.

We believe it is best for ourselves.

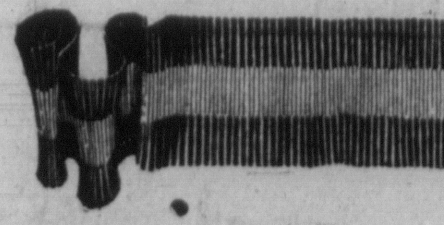
We know it is best for our country.

We appeal to all concerns—big and small—to adopt the same policy.

American business must rally as a unit to the support of the Government.

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Yours respectfully,

HENRY A. SPIELBERGER

AMUSEMENTS

"BABY MINE" BRINGS NEW STAR TO SCREEN

Classic Theatre Thursday, July 4th.

The first comedy offering of Goldwyn Pictures, Margaret Mayo's screaming farce, "Baby Mine," which comes to the Masonic theatre, introduces a new star in motion pictures. She is Madge Kennedy, the famous comedienne of "Twin Beds," "Fair and Warmer" and other stage productions that have been big successes.

Miss Kennedy plays the role of Zoie in the picture presentation of the comedy, which in stage form had a run of nearly two seasons in New York.

Zoie is a light hearted bride whose yearning for suppers and theatres leads her to compromising young husband to abandon her. Her scheme to get him back furnishes the situation around which the comedy revolves. After he has been away for sometime Zoie causes his return with the announcement that a baby boy has come to the household. There is no such thing, but Zoie proposes to get one from a children's home.

But Alfred, the husband, played by Frank Morgan, gets home sooner than expected. There is no baby on hand, and Jimmie, Alfred's friend (John Cumberland) who is brought into the plot by Zoie, steals a baby from the foundling home.

The mother of the stolen child is seen in pursuit of her baby, so while Alfred is rejoicing over the arrival of an heir, it becomes necessary for Jimmie to get another baby. He "borrows" one of the washwoman's twins and, the first baby not having been returned, Alfred told that he is the father of twins. The resulting complications make all the fun.

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FUMIGATE WEEVILY CORN AND PEAS

By W. E. Hinds, Entomologist.

Prepared by Extension Service, Auburn, Ala.

At the present time unusually large quantities of both corn and peas are in storage in the State of Alabama, as well as in other Southern States. In the southern portion of the State the damage to corn is likely to be severe in many instances, and of course peas cannot be expected to maintain good condition if carried through the summer. Wherever these materials are to be stored during July and August particularly, they should be treated with Carbon bisulfid.

In our Alabama Press Bulletin No. 94 brief directions are given for making a fumigation room. This bulletin will be sent to anyone requesting it.

For treating peas, beans, seed corn, shelled corn, etc., a water-tight barrel makes a very good and convenient container. The average dosage required for pea weevil control would be about one-fourth cupful of Carbon disulfid per barrel, while with the corn weevil the dose may well be increased to one-half cupful per barrel, as this weevil is more resistant to gas effects than is the pea weevil. The liquid can be poured directly upon either peas or corn if they are dry, but in either case it may be well to fill the barrel to within a few inches of the top with the peas or corn, then pack something like oat sacks into the top of the barrel and pour the liquid onto the sacks. The top of the barrel can then be covered by spreading heavy wrapping paper over and closely tying it around the head of the barrel. After the treatment the barrel should be left closed for at least 24 hours. If the insects are still alive it means that a stronger treatment is necessary or that the barrel was not tight enough, or the treatment was given in too cold weather. The quickest and most convenient results can be obtained in warm weather, and it is best applied during the heat of the day. Then keep the barrels closed with paper to prevent re-infestation.

Carbon disulfid can be obtained from druggists in most cases. Carbon disulfid vapor is explosive when mixed with air, just as gasoline vapor is, and the same care should be exercised in each case.

If it is desired to treat a large quantity, the amount needed for shelled corn and for peas may be estimated upon bushels, where the actual bushels are known, at one and one-fourth cubic feet per bushel when the container or room is practically filled with the material. In all cases the entire space enclosed must be reckoned with in determining the amount of liquid Carbon disulfid that is required.

For room treatment approximately 10 pounds per thousand cubic feet in the tightest of ordinary rooms, or in small or doses where an exceptionally tight room has been built.

It may be possible in some cases for us to send an Entomologist to examine the condition of the stored materials and to advise the proper treatment. There will be no expense to the owners where this arrangement can be made, and the fumigation will be applied without charge except for the actual cost of materials, which must in all cases be borne by the owner. Arrangements for such inspection and treatment may be made by writing the Entomologist, Auburn, Ala.

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MILLION AMERICAN SOLDIERS ARE NOW ON THE SOIL OF FRANCE

(International News Service.)

Washington, July 3.—American troops will hold the line in the coming great German offensive on the western front. Experienced army officers here today expect that drive any day now. All reports indicate that Hindenburg and Ludendorff are ready to strike. Whether it is against the channel ports, as most experts believe, against the road to Paris, or at some point not publicly considered, the allies are ready.

That was the general interpretation today placed on Secretary Baker's announcement that 1,019,115 American soldiers were now overseas. The schedule is six months ahead of time, and the military preparations of the nation will go forward by leaps and bounds, so that there will be more than 2,000,000 men across by the first of next year.

"We expect to make the western front absolutely secure this year and roll the Germans up and send them back to their own frontiers." This is what Secretary Baker told the senate and house committees some months ago.

Tomorrow the shipyards of the country will launch 450,000 leadweight tons of shipping, which is being turned out at the rate of nearly 7,000,000 tons a year. This means that existing overseas troops movements will be far exceeded in the near future.

(International News Service)

Washington, July 3.—American troops sent overseas numbered 1,019,115 on July 1.

This was made known last night by President Wilson, who gave to the public a letter from Secretary Baker disclosing a record of achievement with the President said "must cause universal satisfaction," and which "will give additional zest to our national celebration of the Fourth of July."

The President's statement, with the letter from Secretary Baker and his reply, follows:

"I have today received the following letter from the Secretary of War, which seems to me to contain information which will be so satisfactory to the country that its publication will be welcomed and will give additional zest to our national celebration of the Fourth of July:

Baker's Letter

"War Department,

"Washington, July 1, 1918.

"My Dear Mr. President: More than 1,000,000 American soldiers have sailed from the ports in this country to participate in the war in France. In reporting this fact to you, I feel that you will be interested in a few data showing the progress of our overseas military effort:

"The first ship carrying military personnel sailed May 8, 1917, having on board base hospital No. 4 and members of the reserve nurses' corps.

"General Pershing and his staff sailed May 20, 1917. The embarkations in the months from May, 1917, to and including June, 1918, are as follows:

"May, 1917, 17,178.
"June, 12,261.
"July, 12,988.
"August, 13,323.
"September, 32,523.
"October, 38,259.
"November, 23,016.
"December, 48,840.
"January, 1918, 46,776.
"February, 48,027.
"March, 83,811.
"April, 117,212.
"May, 244,345.
"June, 276,372.
"Totals, 1,019,115.
"The total number of troops returned from abroad, by sea and by air, is 8,165, and of these, by reason of the superbly efficient protection which the navy has given our transport system, only 291 have been lost at sea.

"The supplies and equipment in France for all troops sent is, by our latest report, adequate, and the output of our war industries in this country is showing marked improvement in practically all lines of necessary equipment and supply.

"Respectfully yours,
"Newton D. Baker.

Wilson's Reply

"To which I replied:
"The White House, Washington,
2 July, 1918.

"My Dear Mr. Secretary: Your letter of July 1 contains a very significant piece of news and an equally

significant report of the forwarding of troops during the past year to the other side of the water. It is a record which I think must cause universal satisfaction, because the heart of the country is unquestionably in this war and the people of the United States rejoice to see their force put faster and faster into the great struggle which is destined to redeem the world.

Cordially and sincerely yours,
Woodrow Wilson.

"Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War."

HOMER L. RHODES SOON WILL SAIL

Homer L. Rhodes, Decatur boy now at Camp Wheeler, expects to sail for France soon. In a letter to home folks he shows a high conception of American war aims.

The letter follows:

Camp Wheeler, Ga.
June 27, 1918.

Dear Dad:
Just received your letter. Sure was glad to hear from home, for it has been some time since I've heard from you. I am glad to know that you are all well. I hope you and mama will keep your health and strength and get along alright until us boys get

back home, then we will take care of all the family.

you. Don't you and mama worry about me for one minute for there is no need of it. I will be back home safe and sound and I don't think that time is very far off. I hope you and mama see this war like I do and I believe you do. This is the first time our government has ever called on us boys for help and probably never will again, to protect our country, people and the world from the most wicked powerful military nation the world has ever known. I want to do all that is in my power to bring this war to a victorious end. I had rather stay in the army the rest of my days than to give away one inch to the German Power.

A young man that does not do all he possibly can for the government and people (his own people) does not deserve the protection of our government.

Every time I go to town I see men who can't look a soldier straight in the eye—they are single men who are afraid to fight, won't work or lend money to the government. I don't believe the war will last through the winter. The Germans are weak and hungry, while the Allies are getting stronger. I am anxious to get to France. I want to see those Germans whipped to my satisfaction.

Dad, I don't believe we will be here over thirty days longer. We are getting everything in readiness for overseas service. Two or three weeks ago we got 10,000 men from the north, 7,000 more are coming in this week. They are to take the place of the boys that have already left.

If you want to make a soldier mad just say you feel sorry for him or its too bad he has to go to war, you sure will hear from him. Well if we do leave here and I don't get to come home don't feel disappointed. We may be given 3 or 4 days leave to visit home in and we may not. I will come home if I can't stay but a day. I was in hopes Jim would come home to stay but if he could not, I am glad he has joined the army for it is not like one of your boys to be pointed out as a slacker or war dodger. When this war is over, and that won't be very long, every man at some time will be asked what he has done if he can't account for himself why then he has just about ended his career.

Aeroplanes are now flying over camp every day. They are here for observation purposes and to direct artillery fire. They do all kinds of "stunts" in the air, loop the loop, tail spin, and a great many other "stunts" that this boy hasn't the least desire to do at all, oh, no!

Write me the news when you have time I am always glad to hear from

I am your son,
Sergt. Homer L. Rhodes,
106 M. O. R. S. Co.
Camp Wheeler, Ga.

CUBA WILL OBSERVE

THE GLORIOUS FOURTH

(International News Service)

Washington, July 3.—Cuba has decreed July 4, the anniversary of American Independence, and July 14, the anniversary of the fall of the French empire, as national holidays.

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